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the contract of insurance may be terminated only if the Commissioner determines that the requirements of section 250(a) are met.

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§ 236.255 Forbearance relief.

(a) In a case where the mortgage is in default, the mortgagor and the mortgage may enter into a forbearance agreement for the reduction or suspension of the mortgagor's regular mortgage payments for a specified period of time, if the Commissioner determines that the default was due to circumstances beyond the mortgagor's control and that the mortgage probably will be restored to good standing within a reasonable period of time. Such determination shall be evidenced by the Commissioner's written approval of the forbearance agreement.

(b) The time specified in §207.258(a) of this chapter, within which a mortgagee shall give the Commissioner written notice of its intention to file an insurance claim, shall be suspended for the period of time specified in the forbearance agreement as long as the mortgagor complies with the requirements of such agreement.

(c) If the mortgagor fails to meet the requirements of a forbearance agreement or to cure the default under the mortgage at the expiration of the forbearance period, and such failure continues for a period of 30 days, the mortgagee shall notify the Commissioner of such failure. Within 45 days thereafter, unless a modification or extension of the forbearance agreement has been approved by the Commissioner, the mortgagee shall notify the Commissioner of its election to file an insurance claim and of its election to either assign the mortgage to the Commissioner or acquire and convey title to the property to the Commissioner. If the mortgage is assigned to the Commissioner, the special insurance benefits prescribed in §236.265(b) shall be applicable.

§ 236.260 Request by Commissioner for assignment of mortgage.

The mortgagee shall, when requested by the Commissioner, assign to the Commissioner a mortgage on which interest reduction payments are being made pursuant to the provisions of §236.501 *et seq.* If the mortgage is not in default when the Commissioner requests its assignment, the first day of the month following the Commissioner's request shall be considered the date of default.

§ 236.265 Payment of insurance benefits.

All of the provisions of §207.259 of this chapter relating to insurance benefits apply to multifamily project mortgages insured under this subpart, except as follows:

(a) Insurance claims shall be paid in cash unless the mortgagee files a written request for payment in debentures.

(b) When the mortgage is assigned to the Commissioner pursuant to §236.260 or is assigned in a case where the mortgagor fails to comply with the requirements of a forbearance agreement approved by the Commissioner in accordance with the requirements of §236.255 or is assigned in a case where the mortgagor fails to cure the default at the expiration of the forbearance period, the insurance benefits shall be paid in cash and shall be computed in accordance with §207.259(b) of this chapter, except that in lieu of the allowance for debenture interest in §207.259(b)(1)(iii) of this chapter, the payment shall include the amount of the unpaid accrued mortgage interest computed to the date the assignment of the mortgage to the Commissioner is filed for record. In addition, an amount shall be included equivalent to the debenture interest which would have been earned from the date the mortgage assignment was filed for record to the date the cash payment is made, except that when the mortgagee fails to meet any one of the applicable requirements of §§ 207.256, 207.258(b), and 236.255(c) of this chapter within the specified time and in a manner satisfactory to the Commissioner (or within such further time as the Commissioner may approve in writing), such amount shall be computed only to the date on which the particular required action should have been taken or to which it was extended.

(c) Where the assignment of the mortgage is made pursuant to §236.260 and the mortgage is not in default at the time of such assignment, the one percent deduction prescribed in